in the Official Gazette, the said monument/site or remains to be of national importance.

The Special Commissioner, Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department, Municipal Commissioner, Tiruvannamalai and two more individuals have filed petition in the High Court of Madras with the prayer to grant stay in declaration of Arunachaleshwarar temle in Tiruvannamalai as of national importance. SLP (Civil) No. 12443—12447 of 2001 with 13143—13147 of 2001 between Commissioner, Thiruvannamalai Municipality v/s Arunachala Giri Prakakshana Samiti & others is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India wherein the Archaeological Survey of India has been made a party. The Central Government have filed a transfer petition in the Supreme Court of India for the transfer of all the four Writ Petition No. 41227, 40989, 41142 and 40935 pending before the High Court of Judicature at madras so that all the cases of similar nature are dealt in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The matter is now pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the issue as on date is subjudice.

Financial assistance for historical places and ancient temples in Tamil Nadu

2766. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam and Tiruchirapalli District in Tamil Nadu are famous for historical places and ancient temples which attract tourists from all over the world;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to release financial assistance to provide facilities in those places up to the International standards;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) During the 10th Five Year Plan, Department of Tourism, Government of India has decided to identify six integrated travel circuits in the country each year. These circuits are finalised and developed in close coordination and partnership with the State/UT Governments and the concerned Govt, of India Departments. In addition to this it is also proposed to identify one major destination in each State/UT Administration, each year in consultation with them for overall development including the State of Tamil Nadu.

On the basis of project proposals received for development of tourism in Tamil Nadu, the following projects have been sanctioned during the year 2002-2003:

S.No.	Name of the project	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Development of Mahabalipuram as a destination	500.00
2.	Works at Gingee Fort	37.50
3.	Dance Festival at Mamallapuram	5.00
4.	Floodlighting at Sri Brihadeeshwara Temple, Thanjavur	16.50

Privatisation of Brindavan Garden, Mysore

2767. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Kamataka proposes to privatise the internationally famous Brindavan Garden in Mysore; and

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to acquire it in view of its great importance?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Government of Karnataka has a proposal to develop Brindavan Gardens at Krishnaraja Sagar, Mandya district with the help of private entrepreneurs on Built Operate and Transfer basis (BOT).